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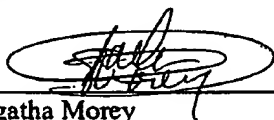
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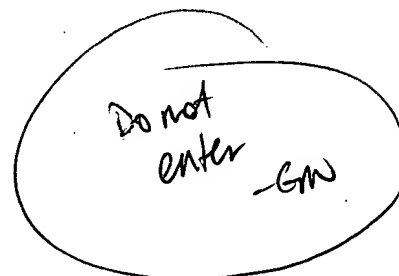
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**AMENDMENT UNDER FINAL REJECTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 3, 2004, please enter the following amendment as shown below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.